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1. ☐ The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

2. ☐ The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is dismissed.

a) ☐ The requisite petition fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ has not been received.

b) ☐ Other :

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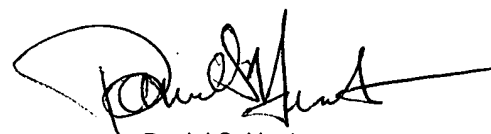
3. ☒ The amendment filed on 24 July 2000 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

d) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.



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The amendment filed under 37 CFR 1.312 has not been entered. It appears that there is some confusion between the applicant and the Office as to the claims that are currently in the application. The applicant filed with the original application claims 1-12. Subsequently, the applicant filed a preliminary amendment with "new claims 1-6". These claims were added to the original 12 claims, which became, in total, claims 1-18. Subsequently, a notice of allowance was mailed by the Office indicating that claims 1-18 were allowable.

Therefore, the amendments to claim 2 is not made as claim 2 is claim 14. Additionally, the additional claims, '7-18', submitted by the applicant are not entered as they change the scope of the claimed subject matter.

The request for the changes as requested in the amendment after allowance is not entered.